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A FILM COATING LAYER AND FILM
COATING AGENT

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Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed May 6, 2002, in the above-referenced application, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, Claims 1 and 6-20, for substantive examination at this time.

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